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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 1 of page 14 with the following paragraph:

The air-blowing device of this embodiment can be seen in Figure [1] <u>15</u>. There is a pump 53 on the upstream side of distribution pipe 55, which distributes the absorption liquid. Branch pipe 3, which branches from pipe 55 and is mediated by a valve 56, is extended into collection tank 2. End 3a of pipe 3 discharges the liquid into collection tank 2.